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Water-Bed Fence.

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Fig. 1.

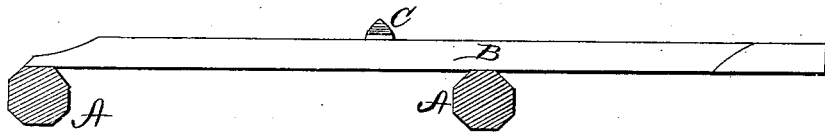
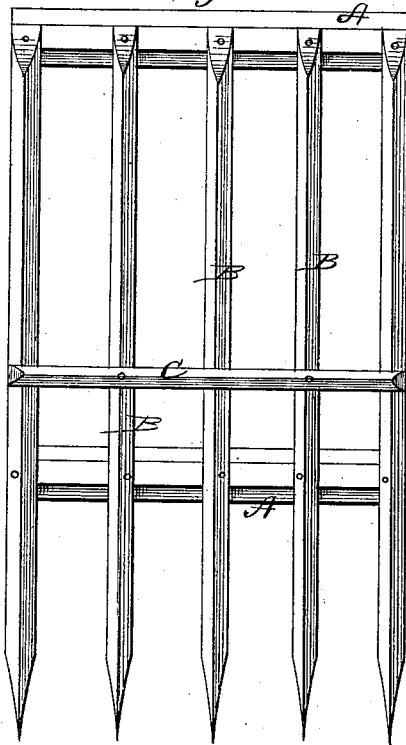


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WATER-BED FENCES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. MYNATT, of Easta Boga, in the county of Talladega, and in the State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Water-Bed Fences; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a water-bed fence to connect a common rail fence, or any other fence, across a stream of water or other opening in the line of the fence, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 a plan view, of my invention.

A A represent two logs, such as are used in any water-bed fence, laid across the stream at low-water mark, about six feet apart. B B represent a series of common fence-rails or other timbers, made triangular in shape, and nailed on top of the logs A A. C is a small strip fastened across the top of the rails B, to prevent a hog from crossing the water-bed fence.

When the water-bed fence is to be used across a small stream, it is to be built in the same way, only observing to raise it just high enough to prevent a hog from touching the ground with his feet in attempting to cross it. Three of these frames can be used when desirable—one immediately over the stream, and the other two used in ascending the banks, so

as to make easy connection with the fence on each side of the stream.

The logs A A are to be secured or fastened by two pieces of timber inclined across each end of the logs, driven into the ground, and nailed or pegged to them. By this means a water-bed fence can be made at any point on a stream. If preferred, they can be fastened in any other manner in the banks. It offers but little, if any, resistance to the water-current. The water is not backed up by it. High water goes over it, entirely carrying all floating substances over the frame-work.

It will be understood that my invention is in no sense a flood-gate to rise and fall with the water. It remains stationary at all times, and is simply a means to connect an ordinary fence across a stream of water, and to prevent cattle and other animals from passing through. It is simple, cheap, and durable. The strip C, secured on top of the timbers B, will prevent hogs and other small animals from passing through, inasmuch as they must walk on the bottom of the stream, and the fence is placed at such height that they cannot lift their legs over said strip, even if they should step between the timbers B.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The within-described water-bed fence, consisting of the logs A A, triangular rails B B, and strip C, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of January, 1878.

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